



School of Economics and Management

## NEKN04, Economics: Master Essay I - Economic Demography Programme, 15 credits

*Nationalekonomi: Examensarbete - magisternivå, programmet i ekonomisk demografi, 15 högskolepoäng*  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå

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### Details of approval

The syllabus was approved by The Board of the Department of Economics on 2011-06-07 to be valid from 2011-06-07, autumn semester 2011.

### General Information

This is a single subject master course in economics. The course is obligatory for students specialising in economics within the Master Programme in Economic Demography at Lund University.

*Language of instruction:* English and Swedish  
Tuition is given in Swedish or English.

*Main field of studies*

Economics

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1E, Second cycle, contains degree project for Master of Arts/Master of Science (60 credits)

### Learning outcomes

#### 1. Knowledge and understanding

Students shall demonstrate:

- an understanding of advanced theories and models in the chosen area,
- knowledge of relevant empirical methods to analyse the chosen issue,
- an understanding of the relevant theories and methods to analyse the problem of the essay.

## 2. Skills and abilities

Students shall have the ability to independently:

- apply advanced theories and models in the chosen area,
- apply relevant empirical methods to analyse the chosen issue,
- draw relevant conclusions from the analysis undertaken,
- adopt a critical and scientific approach,
- account for and discuss the analysis undertaken in writing in a structured and scientific manner,
- adequately summarise the content of the essay and the most important conclusions, in speech and in writing,
- present and discuss the essay at a seminar,
- evaluate and discuss other essays.

## 3. Applying knowledge and making judgements

Students shall develop:

- an ability to identify relevant research issues with a high degree of independence,
- an ability to initiate and undertake a scientific investigation with a high degree of independence,
- an ability to seek, evaluate, analyse and critically examine information with a high degree of independence,
- a scientific approach.

## Course content

The course consists of writing an essay that is publicly defended at a seminar with a discussant and to discuss another essay at a seminar. The essay shall be written individually or by two students writing together. The essay shall be in the field of economic demography. The student has to define a research issue, carry out research and write the thesis independently, although with support from a supervisor. It is the task of the supervisor to support the development from idea to plan, and thereafter to stimulate and criticize the student's work.

No specific gender perspective is adopted in this course.

## Course design

1. Teaching: At an early stage, a supervisor will be allotted to the student on the basis of the student's area of interest. Well before the actual period of the thesis work, a series of preparatory seminars will be held, where the students present ideas and plans for the research. The course is ended by a series of final seminars. Apart from this, tuition consists of individual supervision.

## Assessment

1. Examination: Examination consists of writing the essay, presenting the essay at a seminar, discussing another essay and actively participating in the series of final seminars. Individual performance during the work on the essay can affect the grade. The examiner and not the supervisor is responsible for the grading of the thesis. If a thesis does not pass the first examination, the examiner and the supervisor will specify the required improvements that have to be made and the student will be given the opportunity to hand in a revised version for assessment. The essay must be provided to the database of the Economic Library in order to pass the course.
2. Limitations on the number of examination opportunities: –

The University views plagiarism very seriously, and will take disciplinary action against students for any kind of attempted malpractice in connection with examinations and assessments. Plagiarism is considered to be a very serious academic offence. The penalty that may be imposed for this, and other unfair practices in examinations or assessments, includes suspension from the University for a specified period.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

## Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

1. Grading: Grade (Definition), Points or percentage out of maximum points, Characteristic

A (Excellent), 85–100, A distinguished result that is excellent with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

B (Very good), 75–84, A very good result with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

C (Good), 65–74, The result is of a good standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

D (Satisfactory), 55–64, The result is of a satisfactory standard with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought.

E (Sufficient), 50–54, The result satisfies the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought, but not more.

U (Fail), 0–49, The result does not meet the minimum requirements with regard to theoretical depth, practical relevance, analytical ability and independent thought. Students have to receive a grade of E or higher in order to pass a course.

2. Weighting grades from different parts of the course: –
3. Grading scales for different parts of the course: –

## Entry requirements

Students who have been admitted to the Master Programme in Economic Demography and have passed the course NEKN33 “Applied Microeconometrics” or NEKN31 “Advanced Econometrics” or an equivalent course are qualified for this course.

## Further information

1. Transitional regulations: The course replaces NEKM05 "Master Essay I – Economic Demography Programme".
2. Limitations in the period of validity: –
3. Limitations: The course may not be included in the same degree as NEKM05 "Master Essay I – Economic Demography Programme".
4. Similar courses: –
5. Limitations in renewed examination: –

## Subcourses in NEKN04, Economics: Master Essay I - Economic Demography Programme

Applies from H11

- 1101 Master Essay - Economic Demography Programme, 15,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A
- 1102 Opposition, 0,0 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, Pass